



Comparing Regional Sales Tax Transportation Investments

Overview

Purpose

- Importance of having dedicated regional funding for infrastructure needs
- How other peer communities compare to our region

Disclaimer:

- The research on revenue generated for each region only includes regional sales tax revenue dedicated to transportation.
- There are special district sales taxes, toll fees, and other funding resources available in some of these communities that are not included for the purposes of comparing RTA sales tax type revenues.
- The annual revenue information presented is the most recent available to date.

Arizona: Phoenix and Tucson

Phoenix

- Maricopa County, Arizona
- Revenue: Prop 400 (0.5% sales tax) = \$492M
- Population: 4.4 million
- Per Capita: \$112

Tucson

- Pima County, Arizona
- Revenue: RTA (0.5% sales tax) = \$89M
- Population: 1 million
- Per Capita: \$89

California: San Diego

San Diego County, California

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- Revenue: TransNet (0.5% sales tax) = \$283.5M
- Population: 3.3 million
- Per Capita: \$86

Colorado: Colorado Springs and Denver

Colorado Springs:

- El Paso County, Colorado
- Revenue: Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (RTA) 1% sales tax = \$105M
- Population: 720,000
- Per Capita: \$146

Greater Denver:

- Denver, Broomfield, Jefferson, Arapahoe, Adams and Douglas Counties, Colorado
- Revenue: Regional Transportation District (RTD) 1% sales tax = \$479 million
- Population: 3 million
- Per Capita: \$160

Nevada: Las Vegas

Clark County, Nevada

- Revenue: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) 0.375% sales tax = \$593.8 million
- Population: 3 million
- Per capita: \$198

New Mexico: Albuquerque

Greater Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Revenue: No regional sales tax
- Population: 950,000

Oregon: Portland

Multnomah County, Oregon

- Revenue: No regional sales tax
- Population: 812,855

Texas: Austin

Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, Texas

- Revenue: Capital Metro (1% sales tax) = \$261.5 million.
- Population: 1.3 million
- Per Capita: \$201

Texas: El Paso and San Antonio

El Paso County, Texas

- Revenue: (0.5% County sales tax) = \$50.7 million
- Population: 830,000
- Per Capita: \$61

Greater San Antonio, Texas

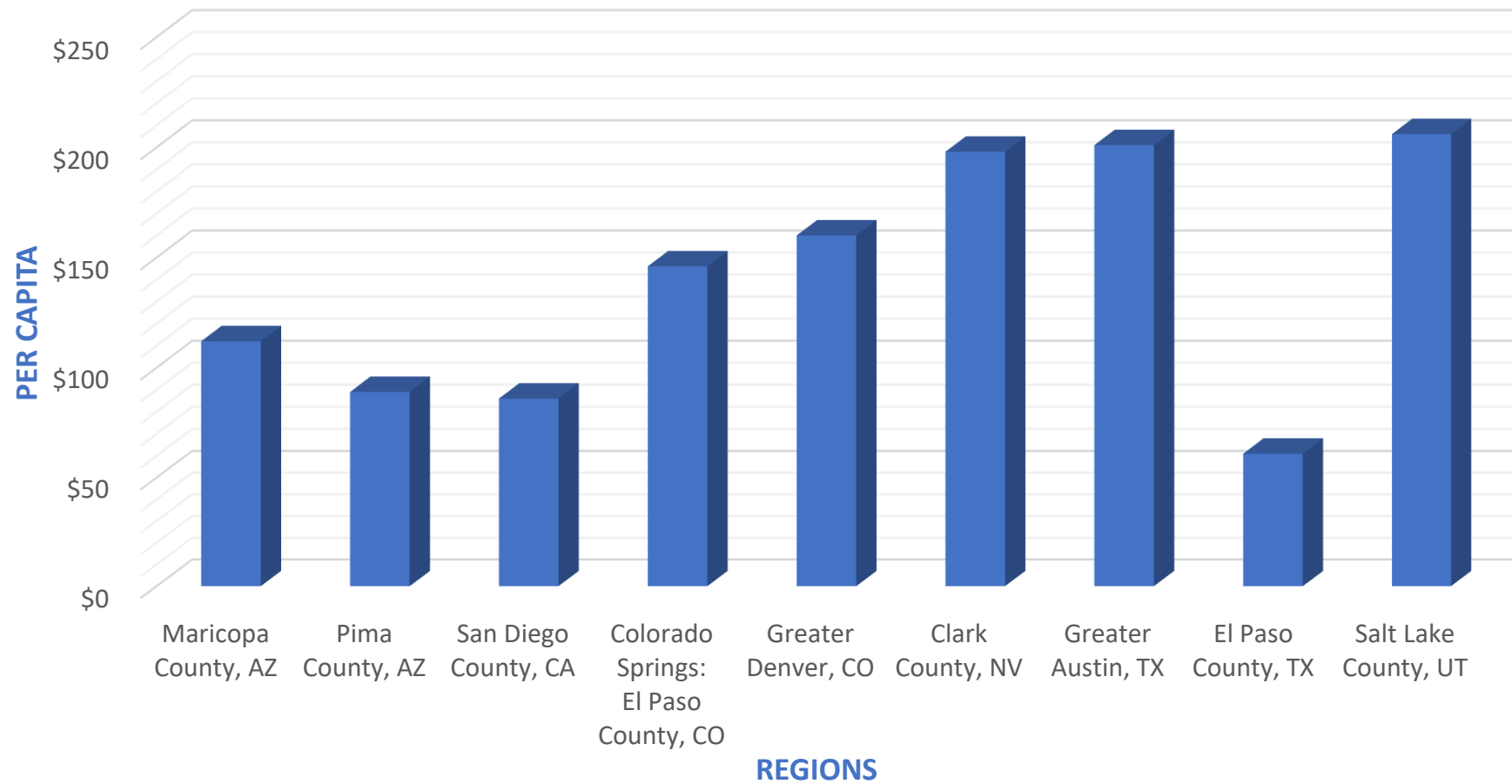
- Population: 2.5 million
- There is no comparable regional sales tax.

Utah: Salt Lake City

Salt Lake County, Utah

- Revenue: Utah transportation investment fund (0.25% sales tax) = \$227M
- Population: 1.1 million
- Per Capita: \$206 per person

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PER CAPITA



Summary

- Regional sales tax funding for transportation has become common practice in recent decades.
- State and federal funding sources dedicated for regional transportation have been relatively flat since early 1990s.
- Arizona gas tax has remained at 18 cents since 1991.
- Federal gas tax has remained at 18.4 cents since 1993.
- RTA is single biggest funder of transportation projects in our region; however, sales tax revenue varies from region to region.